Appl. No. 09/851,720 EAmds, Dated January 8, 2007 Replace final Office action of July 7, 2006

PATENT AF RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE** ART UNIT: 3749

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AMENDMENT "B" AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is filed in response to the final Office action dated July 7, 2006 (Paper No. 20060629). The shortened period for response expired on October 7, 2006, and thus, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended three months, up to and including January 8, 2007, since January 7, 2007 fell on a Sunday. Please charge the three-month extension of time fee of \$510.00 for a small entity to Deposit Account No. 501210, referencing our Docket No. 30188.30008. Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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